

Project Status

**Route 150
project from
the Missouri
Department of
Transportation**

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Background

Project Summary

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) plans to widen an 8-mile section of Missouri Route 150 from Missouri Route 71 to Missouri Route 291. The project is being funded with Amendment 3 dollars totaling approximately \$30 million. Missouri voters approved Amendment 3 - Smoother, Safer, Sooner - in 2004 to enhance the condition and accelerate the completion of the state's priority road and bridge projects. The project will involve the development of a plan for access management, preliminary design, right-of-way design, bridge design, and final design.

Design and Construction

Project Phasing

The project will involve the development of a plan for access management, preliminary design, right-of-way design, bridge design, and final design. Phased construction will begin in early 2008 and will end in early 2010. Project phases are as follows:

- **Phase I:** Route 71/150 Interchange to Lumpkins Fork (MoDOT owns the right-of-way)
- **Phase II:** Lumpkins Fork to Horridge Road
- **Phase III:** Horridge Road to Route 291

Construction of Phases II and III will depend upon right-of-way acquisition.

Recent Activities

To date the design team has completed an aerial survey of the Corridor, developed design criteria for the new roadway, and completed 16 Stakeholder Meetings with corridor leaders including neighborhood and business groups, city, county, and school district representatives, and more.

Comments collected from the Stakeholders Meetings are included below. They will be taken into consideration as the project is designed.



Aerial Photo:
Route 71/150 Interchange

- Walking and biking along Route 150 is less preferable because the road is a busy highway with homes backing up to it rather than fronting it.
- Use the excess right-of-way resulting from the narrower, urban section to **build a multi-use** (bike, pedestrian, and equestrian) **trail on the north side** of Route 150. The trail should connect to other area trail systems, e.g. ***MetroGreen*** and the Longview and Katy Trails.
- **Preserve wildlife corridors** as part of the project, especially north-south connections across Route 150.
- **Build a sidewalk on the south side** of the street to respond to existing and future development.
- Install **off-street bike provisions** realizing that serious bikers will prefer to be on the street.
- Bike/pedestrian/equestrian **bridge connections can be at grade or over creeks** but maintenance of creek crossings may be an issue.
- **Enhance medians** with landscaping, lighting, water features, and/or monument style identification signage similar to other metropolitan area parkways, e.g. 135th Street in Johnson County, Kansas; or the Creekmore Development in Raymore, Missouri.
- Integrate **water quality Best Management Practices** into the project.
- Understand that the **corridor has a rural feel** between Kelly and Horridge Roads.
- **Continuous lighting** should be provided throughout the corridor. Limited, low-impact lighting should be provided between Kelly and Horridge Roads.
- **Maintenance of enhancements** including off-road bike/pedestrian accommodations, enhanced medians, and continuous lighting, **will be a municipal responsibility**.
- The **multi-use trail should be the top funding priority**, followed by enhancing the median with landscaping and/or lighting.
- The project is happening faster than anticipated.

Next Steps

The design team will develop an Access Control Plan with stakeholder and community input in mind. Stakeholder meetings will continue and a Public Information hearing will be held in the fall.

Questions?

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